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## Now Accepting Intern Applications for Summer

I am now accepting applications for Summer 2017 internships in my Washington, D.C., Campton Hills and forthcoming McHenry office. Please help us get the word out to aspiring college students and recent graduates—send the following application details to your family, friends and neighbors in the district!

More here: <http://hultgren.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/hultgren-accepting-intern-applications-for-summer-2017>

## Three Bills for Illinois

I have reintroduced three pieces of legislation for the benefit of Illinois residents:

- [Transparency in Student Lending Act, H.R. 1283](#). The federal government omits the annual percentage rate (APR) when presenting the cost of a loan to young borrowers and families, doing them a gross disservice as they make plans for future payments. The bill aims to provide more information to consumers

by requiring the disclosure of the APR rate at the time of application for a federal student loan.

- [Encouraging Employee Ownership Act, H.R. 1343](#). Employees who own a stake in the company they work hard for every day want to see it do well and will work hard to make that happen. When the company succeeds, the employee succeeds. This bill would open up more opportunities for employees to be rewarded for pouring sweat into their jobs every day.
- [Bring Small Businesses Back Tax Reform Act, H.R. 1425](#). As Congress considers comprehensive tax reform, it is time we give our small businesses the freedom, means and flexibility to expand and create jobs. My bill will give these employers room to grow by giving them back time and resources.

## Healthcare: I Want to Hear From You

During my recent #ImprovingHealthcare work sessions throughout the district, I have seen firsthand the challenges and opportunities before our seniors, veterans, Medicaid recipients and providers, hospitals, senior living centers and others within our current healthcare system.

I am hearing from constituents on all sides about health insurance reform through calls, emails and in-person meetings as I continue to review the legislation and analysis on how it will affect Illinois.

My constituents continue to provide good input from all sides and they are communicating many reasons why the current system of health insurance isn't working. They all say Congress has to act, but differ in what is the best first step to take. What both Democrats and Republicans all know is we must come together to set the system back on the right track.

I want to hear from you! Please click the Contact button above to let me know what you think about the proposed replacement to the Affordable Care Act/ACA/Obamacare, the American Health Care Act, as it moves through the House.



(Rep. Hultgren meets with residents of Heritage Woods in Batavia)



(Rep. Hultgren meets with staff of Greater Elgin Family Care Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center)





(Rep. Hultgren discusses VA benefits at an American Legion Fox Valley/Kane VAC veterans forum)



(Local veterans and families attend American Legion Fox Valley/Kane VAC veterans forum)

## 156 Democrats and Republicans Support Tool to Build and Repair Roads, Hospitals and Schools\_

As Congress prepares to take on the issue of comprehensive tax reform, C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (MD-02) and I, both Co-Chairmen of the Congressional Municipal Finance Caucus, have again [sent a bipartisan letter to leaders of the House Ways and Means Committee](#) in support of a critical tool that helps local and state governments finance new roads, schools, hospitals, fire stations and more.

Municipal bonds are a lifeline to local communities looking to expand a

hospital or repair their infrastructure. These tools of ‘fiscal federalism’ allow municipalities to raise their own funds tax-free, using their own expertise and avoiding the heavy bureaucracy of the federal government.

Also signed by 154 of our colleagues (95 Democrats, 61 Republicans total), the letter asks leadership to reject any proposal to cap or eliminate the deduction on tax-exempt municipal bonds used to finance the vast majority of infrastructure projects in America. We should preserve this Main Street financing tool for municipalities intimately connected to the needs of their communities.

## Additional Legislative Update



I cosponsored the [Financial Transparency Act of 2017 \(H.R. 1530\)](#). Fraudsters like Bernie Madoff have fooled major U.S. regulators because many are still using 1930s pen and paper technology to handle today’s digital challenges. We need regulators to use searchable, open data to improve transparency and reduce the time consumers and businesses spend each year on unnecessary paperwork. Better decisions by investors and regulators, and lower compliance costs, will translate to faster economic growth and greater confidence in our economy.



America's veterans deserve the highest quality medical care possible. The vast majority of employees at VA are honest and hardworking, and it's unfair to the good employees when VA refuses to or cannot hold bad actors accountable. The [VA Accountability First Act of 2017 \(H.R.1259\)](#) will ensure these bad actors are held accountable while improving and keeping intact important whistleblower protections.

I am proud to cosponsor the [Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act \(H.R. 299\)](#) to ensure that our brave Vietnam veterans get the healthcare that they need to treat Agent Orange-linked diseases. In case you missed it, [click here to read how we tackled VA healthcare/benefits issues](#) at the recent forum at the American Legion.



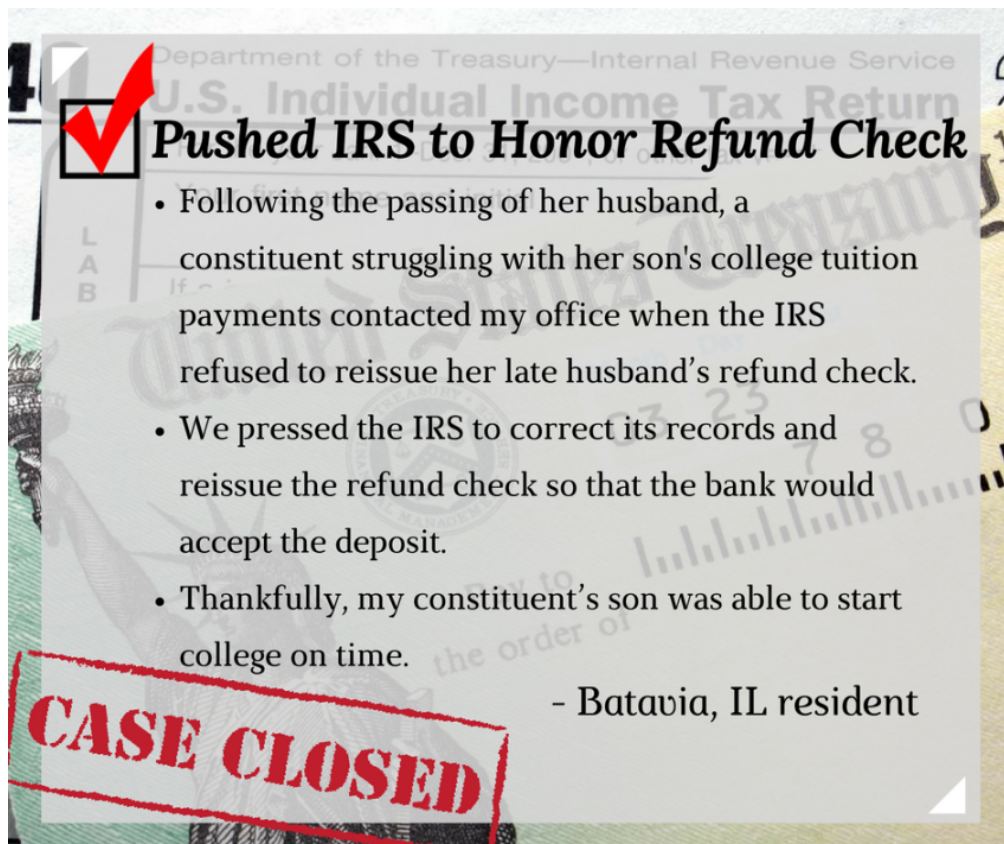
Raising pay and benefits for the troops and ensuring readiness are key components of this year's military spending bill which passed the House ([H.R. 1301](#)), including fully funding the authorized 2.1% pay raise for the troops and increasing funding for the Defense Health Program by \$1.5B above FY16 levels.

[#CaseClosed\\_](#)



I take great joy in the less-well-known but extremely important part of my job: helping many 14th District residents navigate the confusing and often inept federal bureaucracy.

Recently, a son heading off to college almost didn't make the first day because of IRS delays. My office pushed for their refund check, and it came just in time. #CaseClosed



Congratulations to Geneva Vikings Girls Basketball on State Championship



(Click picture to watch video)

If you haven't already, be sure to [like my Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or [check out my YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

In Your Service,

*Randy Hultgren  
Member of Congress  
14th District, Illinois*

## Randy in the News

- [Hultgren wants manufacturers to get more tools – financially](#) (Will County Gazette)
- [Lawmakers urge support for infrastructure financing tool](#) (The Hill)
- [Op-ed: Congress, the clock is running out on small business tax reform](#) (The Hill)
- [Sandwich VFW commander shares concerns at veterans' forum](#) (Kendall County Now)
- [State Congress members weigh ACA repeal, feedback](#) (Chicago Tribune)
- [Vets seek answers, share concerns at Geneva forum](#) (Kane County Chronicle)

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